

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**  
**SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

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**POST POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-55 (Sub-No. 684X)

**30 November 2007**

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

( X ) Notice of Exemption ( ) Petition for Exemption ( ) Regulated Abandonment

The decision in this proceeding, served October 26, 2007, imposed a condition requiring CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) to retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16. U.S.C. 470f (NHPA), has been completed.

The attached correspondence dated August 14, 2007, from the Tennessee Historical Commission (TX SHPO) indicates that the TX SHPO has determined that there are no National Register of Historic Places listed or eligible properties affected by this undertaking. We concur with the TX SHPO's determination that the proposed abandonment would not affect historic properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 CFR 800.11(d), consists of the railroad's historic report, all relevant correspondence, and the EA, which have been made available to the public through posting on the Board's website. SEA therefore recommends that the Section 106 condition imposed by the Board in this proceeding be removed at this time.

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August 14, 2007

**TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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RE: STB, AB-55 SUB-NO.684X, CORDOVA, SHELBY COUNTY

Dear Mr. Geraci:

In response to your request, received on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, we have reviewed the documents you submitted regarding your proposed undertaking. Our review of and comment on your proposed undertaking are among the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This Act requires federal agencies or applicant for federal assistance to consult with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office before they carry out their proposed undertakings. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has codified procedures for carrying out Section 106 review in 36 CFR 800. You may wish to familiarize yourself with these procedures (Federal Register, December 12, 2000, pages 77698-77739) if you are unsure about the Section 106 process.

After considering the documents you submitted, we determine that THERE ARE NO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES LISTED OR ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY THIS UNDERTAKING. We have made this determination either because of the specific location, scope and/or nature of your undertaking, and/or because of the size of the area of potential effect; or because no listed or eligible properties exist in the area of potential effect; or because the undertaking will not alter any characteristics of an identified eligible or listed property that qualify the property for listing in the National Register or alter such property's location, setting or use. Therefore, we have no objections to your proceeding with your undertaking.

If your agency proposes any modifications in current project plans or discovers any archaeological remains during the ground disturbance or construction phase, please contact this office to determine what further action, if any, will be necessary to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you are applying for federal funds, license or permit, you should submit this letter as evidence of consultation under Section 106 to the appropriate federal agency, which, in turn, should contact us as required by 36 CFR 800. If you represent a federal agency, you should submit a formal determination of eligibility and effect to us for comment. You may find additional information concerning the Section 106 process and the Tennessee SHPO's documentation requirements at <http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/hist/federal/sect106.shtm>. You may direct questions or comments to Joe Garrison (615) 532-1550-103. This office appreciates your cooperation.

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre  
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State Historic Preservation Officer

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